

Remarks

Claims 23-42 are pending and have been allowed. This Amendment is submitted under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.312 in response to the Notice of Allowance dated October 8, 2004 in which claims 23-42 were allowed.

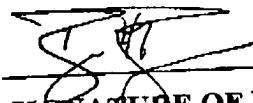
This Rule 312 Amendment requests a minor change to claim 33 as can be seen in the attached claims. The Applicants respectfully request that the above specified change to claim 33 be entered since it amounts to nothing more than a minor correction to improve the clarity of the claimed subject matter without altering the scope or direction of the claimed subject matter. Being minor in nature, the entry of this Rule 312 Amendment will not require a further search.

The change requested by this Amendment was not requested prior to this Amendment because this is the first opportunity we have had to review the claimed subject matter following the Examiner's Amendment and the receipt of the Notice of Allowance of October 8, 2004.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to call if the prosecution of the application can be expedited by so doing.

Respectfully submitted,

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